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Applicant: HIDETOSHI NISHI ET AL.

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Title: ROLLING METHOD FOR STRIP ROLLING MILL AND STRIP  
ROLLING EQUIPMENT

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

**Box Preliminary Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination and calculation of fees, please  
preliminarily amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows: (A marked-up  
version of the changes to the specification is attached.)

Page 3, third paragraph after BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE  
SEVERAL VIEWS OF THE DRAWING, as follows:

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Figs. 3A-3C are respective diagrams showing a relation  
between a roll position and an amount of edge drop.